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SUBJECT: IMCO: SUBCOMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS--  
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A. ELEVENTH SESSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED WORK WITH  
ADOPTION REPORT TO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON MARCH 9.  
FOLLOWING IS PORTION REPORT, ADOPTED WITH VIRTUALLY  
NO DEBATE, DEALING WITH PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON MARITIME  
SATELLITES:

"22. THE SUB- COMMITTEE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE  
ENCE OF GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE HELD IN 1974 TO DECIDE ON  
THE PRINCIPLE OF SETTING UP A MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM  
IN THE LIGHT OF THE PREPARATORY STUDIES WHICH HAD BEEN  
CARRIED OUT. A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE EFFECT TO  
THIS INTENTION IS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR  
APPROVAL ( ANNEX V).

"23. THE SUB- COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED THE SUBSTANTIVE SUB-  
JECTS WHICH, IT BELIEVED, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE  
PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS. A LIST  
OF THESE SUBJECTS, WHICH COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR A  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE, IS CONTAINED IN  
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ANNEX VI TO THIS REPORT.

"24. A DECISION CONCERNING THE CONVENING OF A SECOND CONFERENCE, AND ITS TIMING, SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE 1974 CONFERENCE.

"25. THE SUB- COMMITTEE FELT THAT IT WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT DELEGATIONS AT EACH MEETING OF THE PANEL SHOULD INCLUDE THE EXPERTS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THE VARIOUS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA; IT ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.

"26. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING THE SUB- COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE REVISED. THE NEW PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THAT SESSION APPEARS AT ANNEX VII.

"27. THE UNITED STATES WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE BETTER CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED BY A COMMITTEE HAVING A MORE EXPANDED MANDATE AND A HIGHER STATUS THAN THE PANEL OF EXPERTS."

B. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF ANNEX V REFERRED TO IN PARA 22 IS AS FOLLOWS:

" RECOMMENDS THAT IMCO BE INVITED TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE IN THE LATTER PART OF 1974 PREFERABLY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, TO DECIDE ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SETTING UP AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM; AND IF IT ACCEPTS THIS PRINCIPLE, TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS DECISION."

C. ANNEX VI REFERRED TO IN PARA 23, ENTITLED " SUBJECTS ENVISAGED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE 1974 CONFERENCE", IS AS FOLLOWS:

"1. TO DECIDE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

- THE NEED FOR THE SYSTEM
  - OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
  - OVERALL TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF THE SYSTEM AND ITS
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INTERFACE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

NETWORKS

- ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF THE SYSTEM INCLUDING ITS  
COST/ BENEFIT TO THE MARITIME COMMUNITY

"2. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
TO COVER INTER ALIA:

( A) OPERATING AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS INCLUDING  
( I) OPERATING METHODS

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( II) PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
( III) PROCUREMENT  
( IV) LAUNCHING CAPABILITIES  
( V) FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING ASPECTS  
"( B) ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL ASPECTS INCLUDING:  
( I) STATUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION  
( II) PROPERTIES, LEASES AND LICENSING  
( III) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION  
( IV) RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS AND USERS  
( V) COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING ORGANS  
( VI) SYSTEM AND PRINCIPLES OF VOTING  
( VII) PROCEDURAL MATTERS  
( VIII) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE ORGANIZA-  
TION  
( IX) RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

"3. ACTION NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE SYSTEM."

D. ANNEX VII REFERRED TO IN PARA 26, ENTITLED " CONTENTS OF THE REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS ON MARITIME SATELLITES," IS AS FOLLOWS:

"1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

"2. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SUB- COMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE.

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"3. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

"4. COMPLETION OF OVERALL TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF AN OPTIMAL SYSTEM AND ITS INTERFACE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.

"5. SHARING POSSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SERVICES.

"6. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION.

"7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

"8. REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION."

E. ANNEXES QUOTED ABOVE WERE PREPARED BY WORKING GROUP ( REFTEL PARA 3 FF).

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